

Mr. Speaker, the continued support of the brave men and women serving this country is extremely important to me. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the National Association of Broadcasters and the Armed Forces Relief Trust Fund for their assistance to our troops.

IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP
DONALD HILLIARD, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. Bishop Hilliard is a man of conviction and dedication, as well as an inspiration to his community. This year, the Cathedral International Church is celebrating twenty years of excellence under the leadership of Bishop Donald Hilliard.

Bishop Hilliard is someone who places a high value on education. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and was awarded a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio. Yet, Dr. Hilliard's accomplishments extend far beyond academia. His list of achievements range from economic and community developer to spiritual leader.

Bishop Hilliard always approaches life with a positive attitude, as revealed in his trademark "Say Yes" services at the Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. At the age of 26, Bishop Hilliard became the Church's Senior Pastor. Since then, the church has grown from 125 members in 1983 to over 7,000 members today. What started out as one church has grown to three located in urban settings throughout New Jersey. Dr. Hilliard's faith and inspirational words draws people from out the tri-state area of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The Cathedral is recognized as a growing and influential church and as been cited by American Baptist churches, USA as a model church for growth.

In 1995, Bishop Hilliard was consecrated a bishop and is currently the presiding Bishop and founder of the Ecumenical Fellowship and Cathedral assemblies, Inc. In this role, Bishop Hilliard serves as the spiritual advisor and mentor for several pastors and churches across America and West Africa. The Bishop has also established the Clergy Leadership Institute where innovative leaders from different denominational backgrounds gather to confront and minister to various issues faced by the clergy daily, as well as to expand their theological and social horizons.

Bishop Hilliard and his church have been cited numerous times by the city of Perth Amboy and the State of New Jersey for their contributions to community development. Today, I rise to ask this national body to recognize the accomplishments of this esteemed gentleman. Mr. Speaker, a man such as Bishop Hilliard should be an inspiration to us all. He has given so much of his life to serving others in need. Accordingly, I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.

CONGRATULATING THE
HOMENETMEN SCOUTS FRESNO
SASSOON CHAPTER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassoon Chapter on their 30th Anniversary. There will be a banquet held in their honor on Saturday, November 15 in Fresno, CA.

In its 30th year, the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassoon Chapter strives to encourage Fresno's Armenian youth to be involved in competitive sports and Armenian Boy Scouts activities, while forming an efficient organization that preserves the grace of Armenian language and culture. Since its establishment in 1973, the organization's main purpose has been twofold: to provide the Armenian youth with a moral and physical education outside of the school environment; and teaching them the richness of Armenian culture while accepting and participating in the culture that surrounds them. Comprised of disciplinary and athletic divisions, the Fresno Chapter boasts ten basketball teams spanning a variety of ages, and a strong Troop 12 Armenian Boy Scouts group. The Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassoon Chapter is part of the world-wide organization with over 25,000 members on five continents.

The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts known as Homenetmen, is a nonprofit organization which was founded 85 years ago in Constantinople by Shavarsh Krisian, Hovhannes Hintlian, and Krikor Hagopian. The organization promotes a sense of fraternity and humanitarianism, which extends far beyond mere camaraderie and benevolence. Homenetmen's motto, "Elevate yourself and others with you," is a poignant reminder of the fundamental objective to strive for individual and collective excellence. In the United States, the first Homenetmen Olympic Games took place in Brooklyn, NY, in 1922, though the organization was not officially established in America until 1932 with chapters in New York, New Jersey, and Boston. From that point on, Homenetmen organized chapters in the communities wherever there was a large concentration of Armenians.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Homenetmen Scouts Fresno Sassoon Chapter on its 30th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

HONORING HARRIS D. ARLINSKY
(RET.), USA GREEN BERETS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize LTC Harris David Arlinsky (retired) for 50 years of service to our country.

This past June marks the 50th anniversary of when he volunteered for the Army National Guard at 17 years old. He did so proudly.

After serving in the regular Army for a few years, Colonel Arlinsky attended college at the University of Arizona. He set his sights on being an Air Force pilot; unfortunately, his blurry vision made this impossible. Upon graduation and accepting a commission in the U.S. Army, then-Second Lieutenant Arlinsky attended training for the newly created U.S. Special Forces. The Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets, are the best of the best and have been instrumental in countless conflicts. Colonel Arlinsky knew he belonged with the elite forces and passed their extremely difficult tests to gain the coveted Green Beret.

As a Green Beret, he commanded a "B" Team for the Fifth Special Forces Group in Pleiku, Vietnam. He served two tours and was involved in pushing back Vietcong forces during the Tet Offensive. After the Vietnam War, Colonel Arlinsky continued to serve our nation through various Special Forces projects. Eventually, he left active duty to serve the civilian intelligence services, maintaining reserve status.

During the Reagan administration, Harris Arlinsky worked directly for Vice President George Bush as the Special Intelligence Advisor for the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System for the southwest U.S. border region. While in the region, he also commanded a U.S. Special Forces "B" team with five "A" teams in Texas and New Mexico. Upon completion of the assignment, he returned to Virginia to assist with other national intelligence agencies.

Today he is enjoying his retirement as a college professor, spending time with his wife, Kathleen; his children Beth, Abra, and Michael; and his grandson, Elias.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend COL Harris Arlinsky for his service to our Nation. He nobly has dedicated his life to the safety and well being of the United States of America. As COL Harris Arlinsky continues to celebrate his 50th anniversary of his first month of service to us, let us thank him and all our soldiers for their sacrifices. I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting COL Harris Arlinsky.

TRIBUTE TO M. DEAN HAINES

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to M. Dean Haines on the occasion of his retirement as clerk of Ocean County.

As one of the County's Constitutional Officers, he has been responsible for the administration of a wide range of services offered by the Office of the County Clerk for two decades.

Serving the community is the main focus of the Clerk's Office, including assisting residents in real estate transfers, obtaining passports, courtesy photo identification and Alcoholic Beverage Control Cards, and supervision of elections in the county. Dean's office has been recognized as the most technologically advanced County Clerk's Office in our State, thanks to his leadership and innovation.

Dean Haines' involvement in many community service organizations such as his membership on the Southern Ocean County Hospital Board of Trustees, the Southern Ocean